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1. FROM AP STORY RE "BALTIMORE SUN" GUAT CORRESPONDENT, PATRICK ^CATLING, AND OTHER U.S. REPORTERS IN GUAT, SINCE JUNE 8, COULDN'T GET OUT STORIES RE TRUE CONDITION GUAT. REPORT RS GOT TOGETHER, CONCOCTED COMBIE LINE STORY, SO COMBIE IT WAS CARICATURE, SENT THRU OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND WAS RELAYED ^{ANY} ^{TO RIBBONS} WITHOUT CHANGE TO BALTIMORE. ALL PREVIOUS DISPATCHES HAD BEEN CUT BY GOVT. ¹ ⁸ ~~UNRELIABLE SOURCE~~.

2. DO NOT EXPLOIT ABOVE UNLESS APPEARS LOCALLY, OR CAN FABRICATE GOOD COVER ON HOW STORY PICKED UP, HOWEVER, IF STORY APPEARS, HQS SUGGESTS FOLLOWING TREATMENT:

A. [] CITE AS CLIPPING RE COMBIE CONTROL, HUMOROUS BUT TRAGIC IN VIEW FATE EDITORS INDEPENDENT PRESS WHO IMPRISONED, HIDING OR IN EXILE. TRY GET INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSN ISSUE STATEMENT OR GET CALLIGERIS GROUP, OTHER MECH, PLACE PAID APPEAL LOCAL PRESS TO INT AM PRESS ASSN.

B. [] [] PLAY AS NEWS STORY ADDING INFO LOCALLY AVAILABLE RE GUAT

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PRESS CENSORSHIP TO LEAVE DEFINITE IMPRESSION RUTHLESS COMMIE
CRACKDOWN, THINGS SO BAD GUAT, CAN'T AFFORD LET TRUTH OUT.

C. [] THRU APPROPRIATE MECH, THIS IS SAME OLD COMMIE ROUTINE,
CREATE TERROR, ARM RABBLE, CUT OFF ALL-OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION, AT-
TEMPT CONSOLIDATE C NTROL UNDER GUISE "DEFENCE". ALL THINKING
PEOPLE NO LONGER CAN DOUBT COMMIE CONTROL.

D. [] IF POSSIBLE, PLAY UP FREEDOM GIVEN COMMIE PRESS MONT
AND CONTRAST WITH TREATMENT PRESS IN GUAT. CITE PRESS SITUATION
AS OBJECT LESSON THOSE WHO BELIEVE COMMIE INTERVENTION IS SOME-
THING TO LET YANKS WORRY ABOUT. GUAT COMPLACENCY ONE CAUSE
CURRENT SITUATION WHERE ONLY COMMIE STORY CAN BE PRESENTED.

E. [] PLAY AS SPOT RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, PICK UP IF POSSIBLE
CARRYING THEME: ONLY COMMIE LINES GET THROUGH.

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